

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Miller, on January 28, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Megan Moore, Legislative Branch  
Erica Siate, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 213, 1/20/2015

00:02:01 Chair Miller  
00:02:11 Rep. Dunwell

### **HEARING ON HB 213**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:28 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 213, Revise business equipment tax laws.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:43 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COM)

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[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah19a02\)\*\*](#)

00:09:07 Rep. Schwaderer entered the meeting.

00:12:22 Steve Holland, Montana Manufacturing Council

00:15:24 Rep. Smith entered the meeting.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah19a03\)\*\*](#)

00:16:16 Tom Spika, Spika Manufacturing

00:18:55 Rep. Custer entered the meeting.

00:22:19 Kelly Brester, Self

00:23:42 Pat Keim, Columbia Grain Incorporated

00:24:25 Dustin Stewart, Montana Homebuilders Association

00:26:10 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

00:27:15 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:28:48 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:29:19 Rep. Cook entered the meeting.

00:29:40 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:32:11 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers Association, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association, Helena Chamber of Commerce, and Gambling Industry Association

00:34:06 Margaret Morgan, Independent Electrical Contractors

00:34:51 Jan Cahill, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

00:35:41 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association

00:36:25 Jim Davison, Montana Economic Developers Association

00:38:48 Rep. Williams

00:39:22 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:40:55 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:45:01 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:50:51 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah19a04\)\*\*](#)

00:52:39 John Esp, Montana Association of Counties

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:24	Rep. Williams
00:55:51	Rep. Hertz
00:56:34	Rep. Cook
00:56:58	Glenn Oppel, COM
00:57:12	Rep. Cook
00:57:30	Glenn Oppel, COM
00:57:36	Rep. Cook
00:57:54	Glenn Oppel, COM
00:58:29	Rep. Cook
00:59:33	Glenn Oppel, COM
01:00:06	Rep. Wilson
01:01:05	Glenn Oppel, COM
01:01:44	Rep. Wilson
01:02:36	Glenn Oppel, COM
01:03:44	Rep. Schwaderer
01:04:17	Chair Miller
01:04:19	Rep. Schwaderer
01:04:41	Chair Miller
01:04:50	Rep. Olszewski
01:05:14	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:05:24	Rep. Olszewski
01:05:43	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:06:08	Rep. Olszewski
01:06:23	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:06:27	Rep. Olszewski
01:06:48	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:06:55	Rep. Z. Brown
01:07:28	Chair Miller
01:08:01	Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division
01:08:43	Rep. Z. Brown
01:09:00	Chair Miller
01:09:05	Rep. Dunwell
01:09:31	Glenn Oppel, COM
01:10:38	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:10:50	Rep. Custer
01:11:41	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:11:47	Rep. Custer
01:12:24	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:13:45	Rep. Custer
01:14:02	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:14:25	Rep. White
01:15:53	Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association
01:16:34	Rep. White
01:17:25	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:17:51	Rep. McClafferty
01:18:43	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:18:53	Rep. Hertz
01:19:23	Mike Kadas, DOR
01:20:55	Rep. Williams

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:21:15 Rep. Miller

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:22:33

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Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah19aad.pdf](#))